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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: OTA Support of Truck Driver Apprenticeship Program Initiative**

Recently, the OTA Board of Directors was approached on behalf of a group of OTA member carriers who had been spearheading an initiative to have the Ontario Apprenticeships Board designate truck driving as an apprenticeable trade through "voluntary unrestricted apprenticeships."

Apprenticeship in this case refers to a "finishing" program of a defined period that a driver would participate in after having graduated from a training school and having received his Class A licence. "Voluntary" means that a new driver does not have to work as an apprentice to get a Class A licence. An "unrestricted" apprenticeship means that the apprentice may train under a person who does not have a licence but is experienced and qualified to oversee the apprentice.

The OTA Board of Directors feels that significant potential benefit could arise from this initiative and has given it its support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David H. Bradley".

David H. Bradley  
President

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